

# Getting Your Foot in the Door

The interviewees featured below flag up what young people can do to help get their 'foot in the door' of their chosen career, as follows.

**Work experience:** Gallery Assistant, Equity Analyst, Museum Assistant, Wildlife Warden

**Internship:** Gallery Assistant, Equity Analyst, Software Engineer

**Voluntary work:** Sports Inclusion Officer, Wildlife Warden

**Gain additional qualifications:** Sports Inclusion Officer, Museum Assistant, Wildlife Warden

**Be persistent:** Gallery Assistant, Electrical Apprentice, Commercial Underwriter

**Enter at a basic level and move up:** PR Assistant, Aseptic Manufacturer, Commercial Underwriter



## Gallery Assistant (graduate)

Eli did work experience and internships with different galleries and auction houses. This helped her decide what sort of work she wanted and improved her employability.



## Software Engineer - Computer Games (graduate)

Simon explains the value of an internship for anyone wanting to work in the computer games industry and stresses it is almost essential to have a relevant degree.



## Electrical Apprentice

Gareth knew which company he wanted to work for but they had no vacancies. He kept in touch with the company and gained new skills. A year later they offered him an apprenticeship.



## Aseptic Manufacturer

Lisa planned to be a pharmacist but after disappointing AS levels she started as a junior in drug manufacturing. The company are now sponsoring her to study management at university.



## PR Assistant (graduate)

Alicia began as a receptionist for a PR company in the beauty industry. She is now on track to achieving her long-term ambition to write for fashion magazines.



## Museum Assistant

Daniel had a passion for history and did work experience at the local museum. This led to an apprenticeship and he now has a permanent front-of-house role at the museum.



## Equity Analyst (graduate)

Simon's undertook work experience with several City organisations. This led directly to an internship (after university) and then a permanent position in the City.



## Commercial Underwriter

Lois knew she wanted to work in the City. She trained as a legal secretary and tried a couple of jobs until she found an employer who would train her for an executive role.



## Sports Inclusion Officer

Caryl loves sport and volunteered to help at her local club. She gained the necessary qualifications and now coaches children of all ages and abilities.



## Wildlife Warden

James took every opportunity to volunteer. He did a two-year course in Animal Studies and is now based at Slimbridge and works around the world on different bird projects.